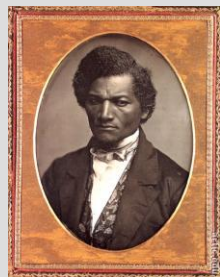


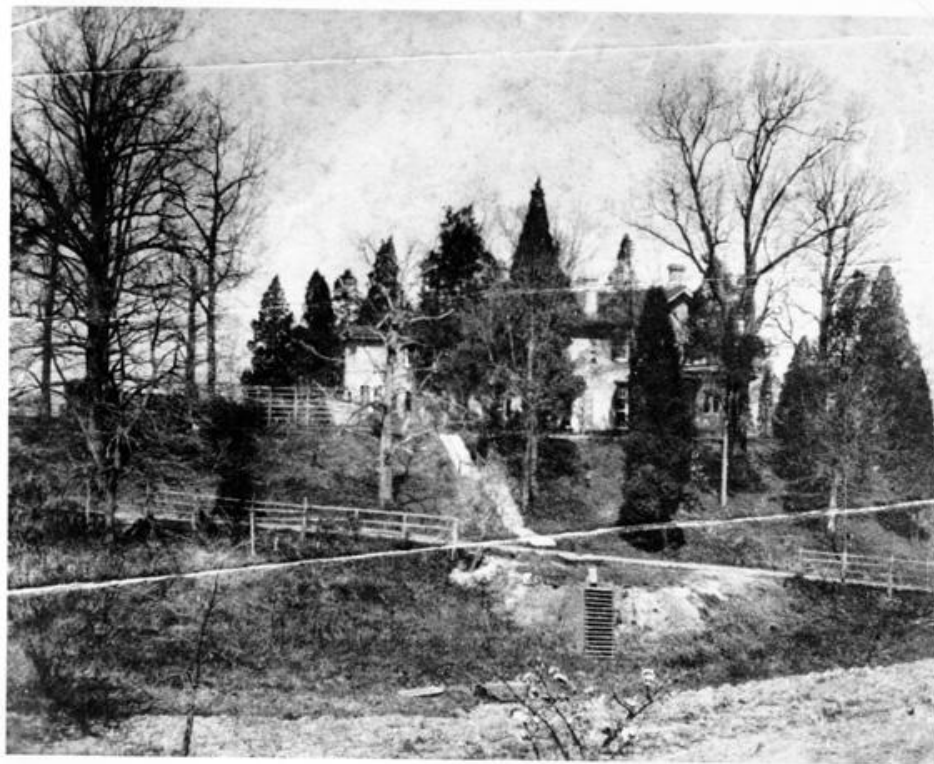
# **Frederick Douglass's Cedar Hill**

## **The Future of a Historic Landscape**





**Douglass's Granddaughter  
playing croquet on the back  
lawn.**



**Cedar Hill c.1890**





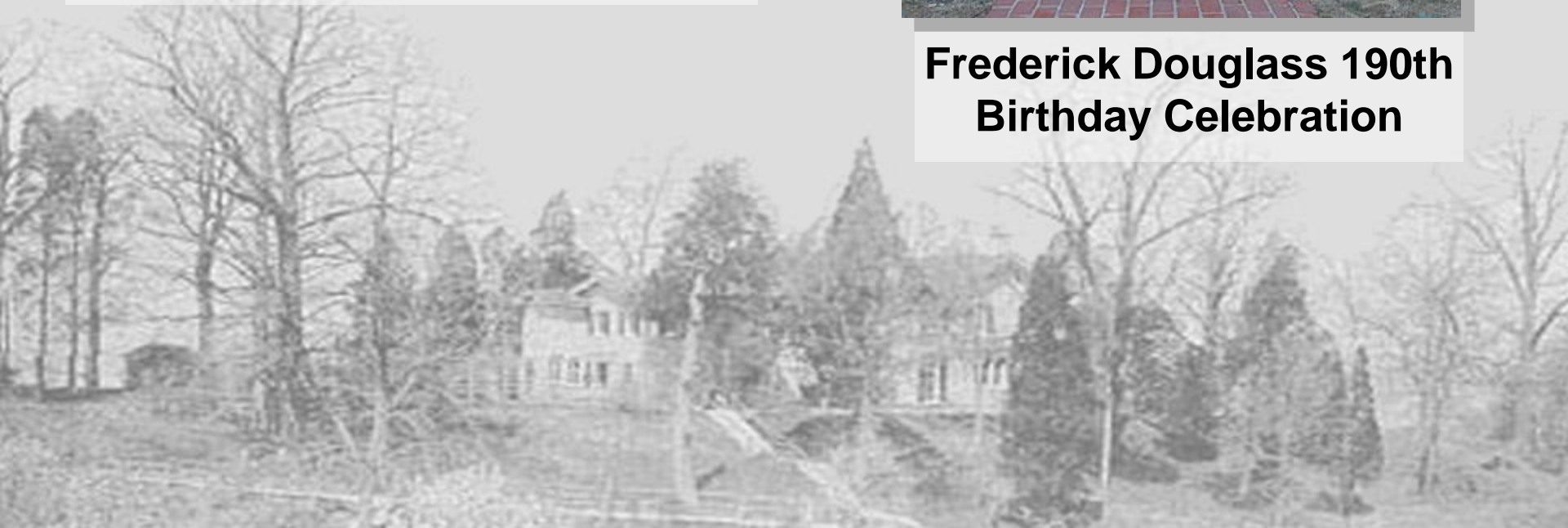




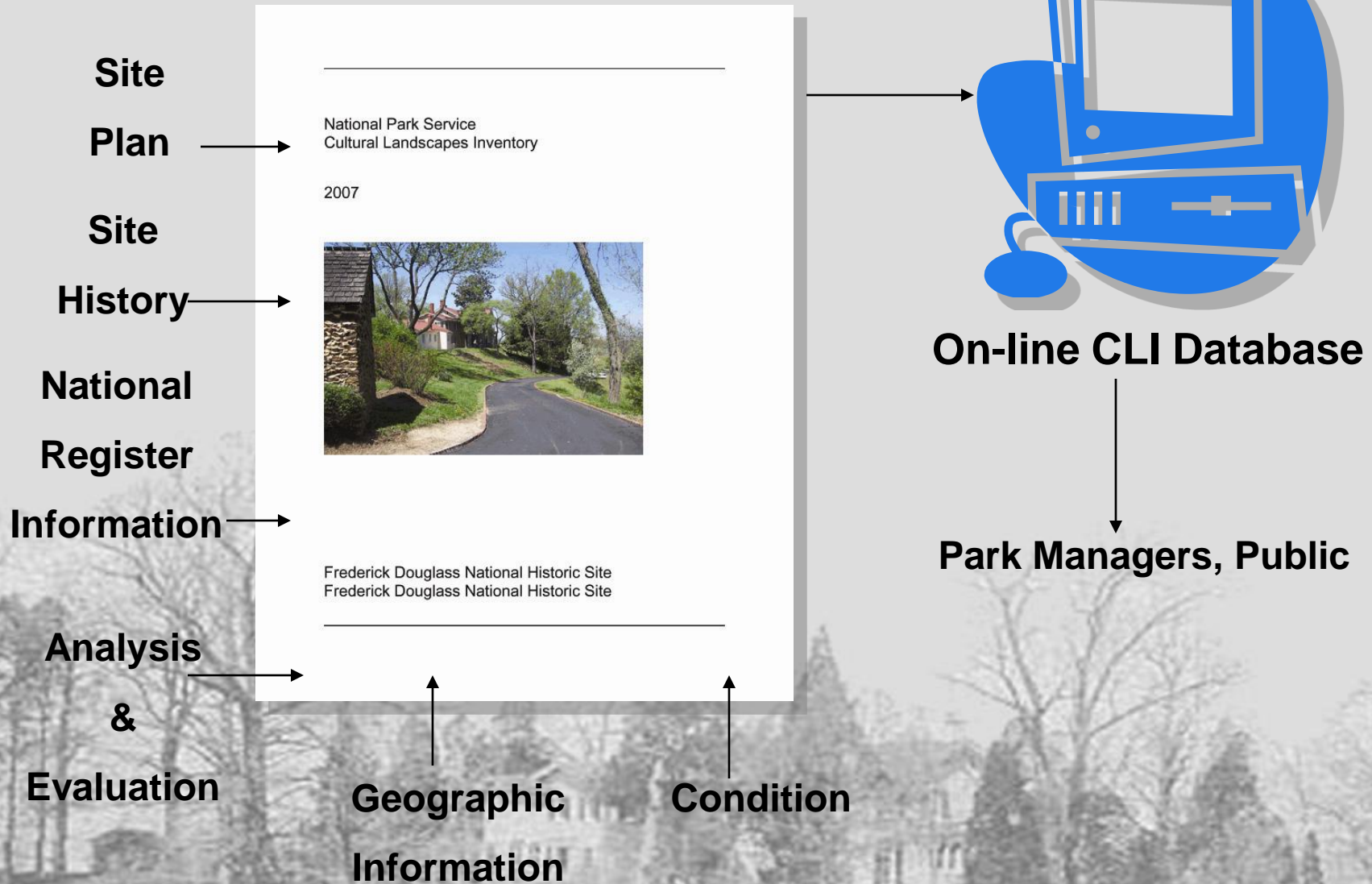
**Re-opening ceremony April 2007**



**Frederick Douglass 190th  
Birthday Celebration**



# Cultural Landscapes Inventory





# Topography / Circulation



**East side of driveway**





# Topography / Circulation



**Front drive**



# Views



**From the front porch**





# Vegetation



**Magnolia and Oak**



**Cedars in the modern landscape**



**Challenges:**

# **Visitor Information Center and Parking Lot**



**Small size**

**Inadequate parking**

**Bus parking / turnaround**





Challenges:

# Asian Garden



**Does not reflect or  
contribute to historic  
landscape**





# Challenges: Vegetation



**Non-historic planting pattern / plants**





# Challenges

## Vegetation



**Invasives**



**Tree replacement**



# Challenges: Erosion



**Gravity-driven**

**Stormwater-driven**



Challenges:

# Preservation of remains of historic buildings



**Modern remains of carriage house / barn**

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# Landscape Preservation Maintenance Plan

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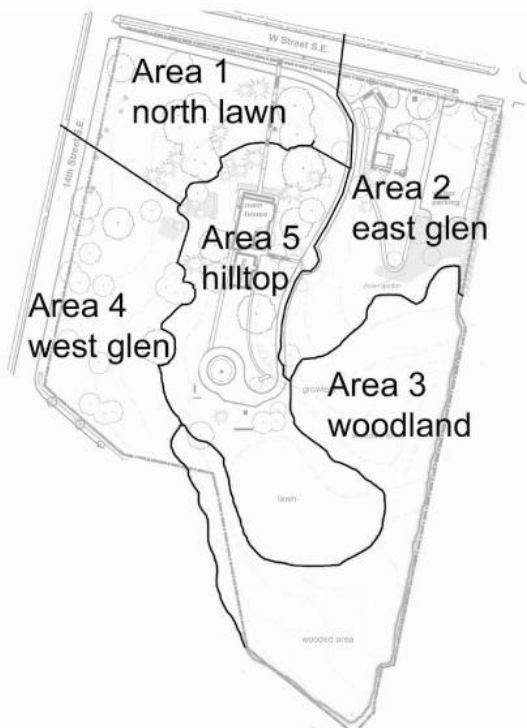
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### Character Areas

In order to organize information within the PMP, the landscape has been divided into 5 "character areas."



### Feature Data: Winter Jasmine (*Jasminum nudiflorum*)

**Common name:** Winter jasmine  
**Botanical name:** *Jasminum nudiflorum*  
**Plant location (area, feature #):** 5-36

**Historic Significance:** Little is known of the specific plants existing on the property during Douglass's time. Winter jasmine are not known to have existed. However, they are symbolic of fragrant and flowering plants that Douglass enjoyed and surrounded himself with at Cedar Hill.

**Preservation Objectives/Maintenance Procedures:** Specimens should be left to grow naturally and maintained for safety of visitors. Shrubs should be periodically inspected for damaging insects, disease and weed infestations. Winter jasmine planted on the west side of the house were put in place to screen the HVAC utilities. They were likely to have been chosen for their showy flowers and low-maintenance qualities.

**Pruning:** Prune back after flowering to improve and maintain shape. Hard pruning every 5-7 years if necessary.

**Characteristics:** Deciduous fast-growing shrub with a broad, arching form spreading 6-10' with a 4-7" spread. Can be pruned to desirable size for landscape needs. Tolerates a broad range of sun, soil and moisture conditions. Light fragrance. Fertilize during growth period with a low nitrogen fertilizer about once a month.

**Leaf:** Opposite, oblong to ovate, to 1", bright, glossy, green pinnate leaves divided into 3 oblong leaflets.

**Flower:** Waxy maroon-red buds; 1.5 to 2" solitary light yellow flowers in winter to early spring on previous season's growth

**Pests:** Scale, thrips, mites.

**Disease:** Fairly disease free.

**Recommended Replacement Method:**  
Nursery stock or other off-site sources.

Landscape Character areas

Plant data sheets



